

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application Of Southwest
Gas Corporation for Authority to Adjust Public
Purpose Program Surcharges.

(U 905 G)

Application 02-07-009
(Filed July 1, 2002)

In the Matter of the Application of PACIFICORP
for Approval of Post-2002 Low-Income Energy
Efficiency Program and CARE Program Funding.

Application 02-07-013
(Filed July 1, 2002)

IN THE MATTER of the Application of SIERRA
PACIFIC POWER COMPANY (U903) for an
Order Approving Its Low-Income Public Purpose
Program Plan and Budget.

Application 02-07-016
(Filed July 2, 2002)

In the Matter of the Application of Southern
California Water Company (U 133 E) Regarding
Low-Income Assistance Programs for its Bear
Valley Electric Service Customers for Program
Year 2003.

Application 02-07-017
(Filed July 3, 2002)

Application of Avista Corporation dba Avista
Utilities regarding its 2003 Program Year Plan
and Budgets for C.A.R.E. and L.I.E.E.

Application 02-07-018
(Filed July 2, 2002)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
CONSOLIDATING APPLICATIONS FOR PY2003
LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS OF SMALL
AND MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL UTILITIES**

A prehearing conference (PHC) was held on July 22, 2002, in Rulemaking (R.) 01-08-027 per the Assigned Commissioner's ruling dated May 30, 2002 in that proceeding. Per his directions, the small and multi-jurisdictional utilities filed applications for their program year (PY) 2003 low-income assistance programs on July 1, 2002. After some discussion at the PHC concerning the next procedural steps, I indicated that the above-captioned applications should be consolidated.

By this ruling, Application (A.) 02-07-009, A.02-07-013, A.02-07-016, A.02-07-017, and A.02-07-018 are hereby consolidated. The service list in R.01-08-027 will serve as the service list in this consolidated proceeding until further notice.

Dated August 7, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ANGELA K. MINKIN for
Meg Gottstein
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail, to the parties to which an electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Consolidating Applications for PY2003 Low-Income Assistance Programs of Small and Multi-Jurisdictional Utilities on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated August 7, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KE HUANG

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